

CAPSULE SUMMARY

PG: 74B-061

Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead

17200 Central Avenue

Bowie, Prince George's County, Maryland

c. 1874

Private

The Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead, located at 17200 Central Avenue in the area historically known as Halls Station, is representative of a modest Prince George's County farmstead centered on a single-family vernacular dwelling constructed c. 1874. This 38.69-acre property was originally part of Lot No. 1 of "Poplar Ridge," a 105 ½-acre parcel owned by Henry W. Clagett. In 1874, Margaret Arnold purchased the 105 ½ acres from Clagett and aided her husband, Edward, in operation of the farm. The Arnolds likely constructed the single-family dwelling at the time of their purchase and raised their family here. Following the death of Edward and Margaret, the property passed to James E. and Maggie Arnold, their surviving children. By selling the property in 1919 to James F. Rawlings, the Arnolds ended 45 years of family ownership. Henry Lee Hamilton, Sr., purchased the property in 1928 and with the help of his sons, Henry Jr. and George N. Hamilton, grew tobacco, as well as other crops. The Hamilton family has owned and operated the farm since the second quarter of the twentieth century, which is significant for its collection of agricultural buildings reflecting several periods of construction. The Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead retains sufficient integrity to convey its significance as a vernacular single-family dwelling constructed on a modest farmstead during the third quarter of the nineteenth century.

This two-story, three-bay vernacular farmhouse, based on its form and materials, appears to have been constructed c. 1874. The dwelling has a T-shaped form due to a centrally located two-story rear ell. Set on a solid foundation of concrete block of differing vintage, the wood-frame structure is clad in wavy-cut asbestos shingles. A cross-gable roof of V-crimp metal caps the dwelling and is finished with *overhanging* eaves and rake boards. An interior brick chimney with a plain cap pierces the ridge of the main block while an interior-end brick chimney with a corbeled cap pierces the ell. The centrally located main entry on the façade (east elevation), holds a single-leaf, paneled wood door set in a narrow, square-edge wood surround. Flanked by window openings, the symmetrically balanced façade features a one-story, three-bay porch. The porch has a half-hipped roof of V-crimp metal supported by wood posts set on an enclosed balustrade. Parged, the balustrade is finished with light brush strokes. All window openings on the dwelling hold 6/6 wood sash set in narrow, square-edge wood surrounds.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead
other _____

2. Location

street and number 17200 Central Avenue _____ not for publication
city, town Bowie _____ vicinity
county Prince George's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert L. Hamilton, Sr., Leona R. Hamilton, and Betty J. Vermillion
street and number 17004 Central Avenue telephone _____
city, town Bowie state MD zip code 20716-0000

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 31266 folio 457
city, town Upper Marlboro tax map 70 tax parcel 39 tax ID number 07-0733030

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- _____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
_____ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
_____ district	_____ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	_____ landscape	<u>9</u>	_____ buildings
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ commerce/trade	_____	_____ sites
_____ site		_____ defense	<u>1</u>	_____ structures
_____ object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____	_____ objects
		_____ education	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u> Total
		_____ funerary		
		_____ government		
		_____ health care		
		_____ industry		
		_____ recreation/culture		
		_____ religion		
		_____ social		
		_____ transportation		
		_____ work in progress		
		_____ unknown		
		_____ vacant/not in use		
		_____ other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory <u>0</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead is located at 17200 Central Avenue in Bowie, Maryland. Defined by multiple agricultural fields, the pastoral setting is centered on a small bluff on which the dwelling is set. The residential core surrounding the dwelling is defined by a manicured lawn and framed by a stand of trees dating to the middle of the twentieth century. Access to the property is via a gravel drive, which splits off from Central Avenue to provide access to the residential core or the agricultural fields and support buildings.

DWELLING

This two-story, three-bay vernacular farmhouse, based on its form and materials, appears to have been constructed c. 1874. The dwelling has a T-shaped form due to a centrally located two-story rear ell. Set on a solid foundation of concrete block of differing vintage, the wood-frame structure is clad in wavy-cut asbestos shingles. A cross-gable roof of V-crimp metal caps the dwelling and is finished with overhanging eaves and rake boards. An interior brick chimney with a plain cap pierces the ridge of the main block while an interior-end brick chimney with a corbeled cap pierces the ell.

The centrally located main entry on the façade (east elevation), holds a single-leaf, paneled wood door set in a narrow, square-edge wood surround. Flanked by window openings, the symmetrically balanced façade features a one-story, three-bay porch. The porch has a half-hipped roof of V-crimp metal supported by wood posts set on an enclosed balustrade. Parged, the balustrade is finished with light brush strokes. All window openings on the dwelling hold 6/6 wood sash set in narrow, square-edge wood surrounds.

The north and south (side) elevations of the main block are pierced by two windows. A small, 6-light, wood-sash awning window is located in the upper gable end of the north elevation. The south elevation has a single-light wood-sash awning window in the upper gable end.

The two-story rear ell has a wood-frame structure also clad in wavy-cut asbestos shingles. Fenestration consists of 6/6 wood-sash windows located on the second story of the side elevations. A narrow two-light, metal-sash awning window set in a wide wood surround is located on the first story of the rear elevation.

A one-story, three-bay enclosed porch is located in the southwest elbow of the main block and ell. The porch exhibits a concrete-block structure beneath the window sills and a wood-frame structure clad in wavy-cut asbestos shingles above. A shed roof of V-crimp metal caps the porch, which is fenestrated with 6/6 wood-sash windows and a single-leaf metal storm door. A single-leaf, paneled wood door with nine lights provides access to the ell from the interior of the porch.

A one-story addition is located in the northwest elbow of the main block and ell. Based on its form and materials, this addition appears to have been constructed in the second quarter of the twentieth century. Set on a poured concrete foundation, this one-story addition is clad in wavy-cut asbestos shingles. An asphalt-shingled shed roof with an overhanging eave caps the addition. A large mechanical stack pierces the roof. Fenestration is

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limited to a 1/1 wood-sash window and a small, two-light sliding vinyl window located on the north (side) elevation.

PUMP HOUSE

This one-story, one-bay pump house, based on its form and materials, appears to have been constructed in the early- to mid-twentieth century. Constructed of concrete block, the building rises to approximately five feet and is capped by a front-gable roof of asphalt shingles with exposed rafter ends. German wood siding clads the upper gable ends. A small wood access door is located on the east elevation.

GARAGE

Located south of the main dwelling approximately one hundred feet is a one-story, one-bay garage. Set on a pier foundation of non-original concrete blocks, this wood-frame structure is capped by a front-gable roof of corrugated metal with overhanging eaves and rafter ends. Angled wood boards form the exterior of the building, a decorative and uncommon pattern in Prince George's County. The façade (east elevation) has been covered with a collection of plywood sheets, some connected with strap hinges. A glass pane has been screwed to the plywood to form a small window opening. Based on its form and materials, it appears that this garage was constructed in the first quarter of the twentieth century.

BARN

Located west of the dwelling is a wide one-story, one-bay barn. Based on its form and materials, this barn appears to have been constructed in the early twentieth century. The wood-frame structure is clad in vertical planks with battens on the north elevation. A side-gable roof of corrugated metal caps the barn. The façade (south elevation), is divided into several animal stalls. The east (side) elevation has a single-leaf door with strap hinges. Some of the exterior cladding on the east elevation is no longer extant or has been patched with T1-11 siding.

SMALL SHED

This one-story, one-bay shed has a concrete-block structure and a front-gable roof of corrugated metal. Based on its form and materials, this shed appears to have been constructed in the first half of the twentieth century. The shed benefits from a partially parged exterior. A single-leaf, Z-braced vertical-board door with a wood lintel accentuated by a string of glazed brick is located on the façade (south elevation).

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ENCLOSURE

This small enclosure appears to date to the mid-twentieth century and is located north of the primary dwelling. Approximately 4 feet high, this wood-frame structure has been covered with asphalt shingles. The shed roof is covered with corrugated metal.

FIELD BARN #1

This field barn is located northeast of the dwelling adjacent to the agricultural fields. Based on its form and materials, this building appears to have been constructed in the early twentieth century. Rectangular in form, the two-story, wood-frame structure features three wide bays on the first story and a second story clad in vertical planks. A shed roof of corrugated metal caps the barn. The roof is deteriorated, with large portions no longer extant.

SHED

This one-story, one-bay shed is ancillary to the tobacco barn. Based on its form and materials, this building dates to the beginning of the twentieth century. The wood-frame structure is clad in vertical board and capped by a gable roof of corrugated metal. Additional details were not visible due to vegetation overgrowth.

TOBACCO BARN

This large tobacco barn appears to have been constructed at the beginning of the twentieth century. The wood-frame structure clad in vertical planks has a queen-post truss supporting the gable roof covered with corrugated metal. Overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends complete the roofline. Large sliding wood doors are located on the south elevation. A large portion of the exterior cladding is no longer extant or is deteriorated. Furthermore, the building displays signs of major structural failure.

On the south elevation of the large gable-roofed main block is a lean-to. East of the main block is a tall free-standing structure which was originally connected to the main block via a two-story hyphen. This hyphen was demolished between 1993 and 1998 based on historic aerials of the property. The remaining free-standing section has the same materials and treatment as the main block as it was an original section of the barn. The upper gable end of the west elevation (now an exterior wall) is braced with large beams to prevent its collapse.

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FIELD BARN #2

A two-story field barn is sited directly east of the tobacco barn and dates to the beginning of the twentieth century. The wood-frame building is clad with vertical planks and has a gable roof which is covered with standing-seam metal.

A two-story addition is located on the south (side) elevation of the barn and was likely constructed c. 1920 given the form and materials. The northern slope of the addition covers both the addition and the main block. The wood-frame addition is clad with vertical planks. Overhanging eaves finish the roof, which is covered with standing-seam metal. The barn is in fair condition, however, structural failure is likely. Additional details were not visible due to the dense vegetation overgrowth.

INTEGRITY

The farmhouse at the Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead presents a high degree of integrity of design, materials, and workmanship despite the construction of several rear additions. These alterations have achieved historic significance in their own right. The use of non-historic asbestos shingles as wall cladding material has affected, but not compromised the dwelling's integrity of materials. The use of asbestos shingles is a reversible mid-twentieth-century alteration. With its deep setback and location on a grassy rise in a rural tier of Prince George's County, the dwelling maintains integrity of location, setting, and feeling. The condition of the dwelling coupled with the secondary resources, intact rural landscape, and continuing association with the Hamilton family all contribute to its high degree of integrity of association.

The pump house presents a high integrity of design, materials, and workmanship. The building maintains its integrity of setting, location, feeling, and association as a secondary resource to the Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead.

The garage, due to its condition, maintains a low level of integrity of design, materials, and workmanship. Although the building is no longer used as a garage, it maintains sufficient integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association as an ancillary building associated with the Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead.

The barn presents a moderate degree of integrity of design, materials, and workmanship due to its deteriorated condition. The building maintains its integrity of setting, location, feeling, and association as a functioning agricultural building associated with the Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead.

The concrete-block small shed has a moderate level of integrity of design, workmanship, and materials due to the slight deterioration of the roof and single-leaf door. The building retains integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association.

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The wood-frame enclosure has a low level of integrity of design, workmanship, and materials due to its poor physical condition at the time of the 2011 on-site survey. The building retains integrity of location. The building's integrity of association, feeling, and setting are compromised.

The field barn #1 presents a moderate level of integrity of design, materials, and workmanship due to its slight deteriorated condition and overgrowth. It retains a moderate level of integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association as an agricultural building associated with the Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead.

The shed in its present condition maintains a moderate level of integrity of design, materials, and workmanship due to its slight deteriorated condition and vegetation overgrowth. It retains a moderate level of integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association due to its association as an ancillary building associated with the Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead.

The tobacco barn retains moderate integrity of design, materials, and workmanship due to its slight deterioration. It maintains integrity of location and setting. The barn has a high level of integrity of feeling and association because the building still supports the current agricultural activities at the Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead.

The field barn #2 has a low level of integrity of materials, workmanship, and materials due to its poor condition. The building retains integrity of setting and location. Integrity of feeling and association are retained because the building still supports the agricultural activities at the Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead.

Overall, the Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead presents a moderate degree of integrity.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>Local History</u>

Specific dates c. 1874 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates c. 1874

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead, located at 17200 Central Avenue in the area historically known as Halls Station, is representative of a modest Prince George's County farmstead centered on a single-family vernacular dwelling constructed c. 1874. This 38.69-acre property was originally part of Lot No. 1 of "Poplar Ridge," a 105 ½-acre parcel owned by Henry W. Clagett. In 1874, Margaret Arnold purchased the 105 ½ acres from Clagett and aided her husband, Edward, in operation of the farm. The Arnolds likely constructed the single-family dwelling at the time of their purchase and raised their family here. Following the death of Edward and Margaret, the property passed to James E. and Maggie Arnold, their surviving children. By selling the property in 1919 to James F. Rawlings, the Arnolds ended 45 years of family ownership. Henry Lee Hamilton, Sr., purchased the property in 1928 and with the help of his sons, Henry Jr. and George N. Hamilton, grew tobacco, as well as other crops. The Hamilton family has owned and operated the farm since the second quarter of the twentieth century, which is significant for its collection of agricultural buildings reflecting several periods of construction. The Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead retains sufficient integrity to convey its significance as a vernacular single-family dwelling constructed on a modest farmstead during the third quarter of the nineteenth century.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

The Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead is located approximately ten miles south of the City of Bowie in an area known historically as Halls Station. Halls Station is located at the intersection of the Popes Creek Line of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, Hall Road, and Collington Branch. By 1878, Halls Station supported two stores, one of which was the Duvall-Hopkins Store (PG: 74B-030), and several dwellings. Queen Anne was created as part of a 1706 act "for the advancement of trade and erecting ports and towns in the Province of Maryland" at Anderson's Landing on a large tract known as Essington.¹ A tavern opened in Queen Anne at least as early as 1711. Although the area between Halls Station and Queen Anne never developed into a commercial

¹ Susan G. Pearl, "Hopkins House," (PG: 74B-11) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, (1985), 8:1.

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corridor, its location benefited local farmers and residents looking to transport their goods to distant markets or purchase staples/supplies.

The Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead was originally part of "Poplar Ridge," a tract of land owned by Henry W. Clagett. The son of Dr. Richard Henry Clagett and Grace Harrison Waring, Clagett was born in 1840 at Mount Pleasant (PG: 79-004) near Upper Marlboro, which was the Waring ancestral home.² Clagett registered in Maryland for the Civil War draft in 1863 and was noted as unmarried.³ Later that same year, Clagett married Martha Chunn Bowling of Woodville, near Aquasco, who was the daughter of Colonel John Dominic Bowling and Elizabeth Gill. Also known as "Mattie," Martha died in 1867 at Mount Pleasant, leaving behind two daughters, Grace Harrison Clagett and Elizabeth Bowling Clagett.⁴

Clagett did not rear his daughters and instead Grace and Elizabeth (also known as Lillie) grew up near Woodville with their maternal grandparents. At the time of the 1870 U.S. Federal Census, their grandfather Colonel Dominic Bowling, a successful farmer and planter, had real estate holdings valued at \$200,000 and a personal estate of \$10,000.⁵ Grace and Elizabeth were later educated at the Georgetown Convent.⁶

Clagett resided at Mount Pleasant for several years and then removed himself to his father's farm, Woodstock. In 1870, Clagett was residing with his aunt, Mary E. Clagett, and an African-American servant, ten-year-old Ellen Jack. His farm acreage was assessed at \$30,000, a large sum for the area following the Civil War (1861-1865).

In 1874, Clagett conveyed 105 ½ acres of the tract "Poplar Ridge" to Margaret Arnold for \$4,740.50.⁷ Margaret Arnold was born around 1828 and was married to Edward Arnold, a farmer. The 1870 U.S. Federal Census indicated that Edward Arnold rented his property and had a personal estate valued at \$500.⁸ It is likely that the single-family dwelling on the Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead property was constructed c. 1874 by the Arnolds following their purchase of the property. Edward Arnold, his residence, and 105 ½-acre property are noted on the 1878 Hopkins map. Edward Arnold died prior to 1900, leaving Margaret and their children, James. E.,

² Effie Gwynn Bowie, *Across the Years in Prince George's County, Vol. 1*, (Baltimore, MD: Clearfield Company, 2010), 129-130.

³ Ancestry.com, *U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010, Original data: *Consolidated Lists of Civil War Draft Registrations, 1863-1865*, NM-65, entry 172, 620 volumes, Records of the Provost Marshal General's Bureau (Civil War), Record Group 110, National Archives, Washington D.C., Henry W. Clagett.

⁴ Effie Gwynn Bowie, *Across the Years in Prince George's County, Vol. 1*, (Baltimore, MD: Clearfield Company, 2010), 129-130.

⁵ 1870 U.S. Federal Census, Aquasco, Prince George's, Maryland, Roll M593, Series 592, Page 233B, Image 471, Family History Library Film 552091, John D. Bowling.

⁶ Effie Gwynn Bowie, *Across the Years in Prince George's County, Vol. 1*, (Baltimore, MD: Clearfield Company, 2010), 449.

⁷ Henry W. Clagett to Margaret Arnold, Prince George's County Land Records, HB 9:243.

⁸ 1870 U.S. Federal Census, Queen Anne, Prince George's, Maryland, Series M593, Roll 592, Page 208A, Image 420, Family History Library Film 552091, Margaret Arnold.

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Maggie, and Carrie E. Arnold, to operate the farm.⁹ Margaret died prior to the taking of the 1910 U.S. Federal Census. Her children continued to own and operate the farm.

In 1919, James and Maggie, by then the sole surviving children of Margaret and Edward Arnold, conveyed the 105 ½-acre farm to James F. Rawlings.¹⁰ A Maryland native, Rawlings was born around 1872 and was a farmer. In 1920, he was residing with his wife, Mary L. Rawlings, and their children Andrew M., Charles F., John L., Perry S., and Thomas H. Rawlings.¹¹ Following a default on their mortgage in 1928, the property was authorized for sale at public auction. William G. Brooke handled the title and conveyed the property to Robert S. Jameson, the highest bidder.¹² Jameson waited several days and then conveyed the property to Henry Lee Hamilton on January 19, 1928.¹³

Henry Lee Hamilton, Sr. was born in 1864 in Prince George's County, Maryland and was the son of George Hamilton and his wife, Mary E. Hamilton. In 1870, the family was residing in the Nottingham District and George was employed by the rail road.¹⁴ In 1899, Hamilton married Susannah (Annie) Sturgess and by 1900, the couple was residing on their own farm in the Mellwood District of Prince George's County. Hamilton's widowed mother, Mary, and his 27-year-old brother, William, also lived with them.¹⁵ Hamilton himself was widowed prior to 1920 and supported his four children: Maude Hilda, Ann, George Nelson, and Henry Lee Hamilton, Jr.¹⁶ A third daughter, Helen Hamilton, was no longer living with the family at the time of the 1920 U.S. Federal Census. The farming family grew tobacco as late as 1930. Henry G. Hamilton, a Hamilton nephew, lived with his uncle and worked the tobacco fields at the time of the 1930 U.S. Federal Census.¹⁷

On August 3, 1940, Henry Lee Hamilton, Sr. passed away and was buried at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Croom, Maryland.¹⁸ Following the death of Hamilton, Sr., his property was divided amongst his heirs. Twenty-

⁹ 1900 U.S. Federal Census, Queen Anne, Prince George's, Maryland, Series T623, Roll 626, Page 1A, Enumeration District 98, Margaret Arnold.

¹⁰ Maggie A. and James E. Arnold to James F. Rawlings, Prince George's County Land Records, 147:170.

¹¹ 1920 U. S. Federal Census, Queen Anne, Prince George's, Maryland, Series T625, Roll 674, Page 3A, Enumeration District 77, Image 477, James F. Rawlings.

¹² William G. Brooke, Attorney, to Robert S. Jameson, Prince George's County Land Records, 313:491.

¹³ Robert S. and Helen A. Jameson to Lee Hamilton, Prince George's County Land Records, 301:143.

¹⁴ 1870 U.S. Federal Census, Nottingham, Prince George's, Maryland, Series M593, Roll 592, Page 128B, Image 261, Family History Library Film 552091, Henry Hamilton.

¹⁵ 1900 U.S. Federal Census, Mellwood, Prince George's, Maryland, Series T623, Roll 626, Page 15B, Enumeration District 107, Henry L. Hamilton.

¹⁶ 1920 U.S. Federal Census, Mellwood, Prince George's, Maryland, Series T625, Roll 674, Page 6A, Enumeration District 90, Image 795, Henry Hamilton.

¹⁷ 1930 U.S. Federal Census, Queen Anne, Prince George's, Maryland, Roll 877, Page 4B, Enumeration District 17, Image 923.0, Henry L. Hamilton, Sr.

¹⁸ "Obituary," *The Washington Post* (1923-1954), August 4, 1940, <http://www.proquest.com/> (accessed June 15, 2011).

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five acres was conveyed to daughter Maude H. Ogle in 1941.¹⁹ A second tract, comprising approximately 80 ½ acres, was conveyed to Henry L. Hamilton, Jr. and George N. Hamilton.²⁰ In 1946, the brothers split the farm once again when George conveyed his ½ interest in 47 acres to Henry on November 18th.²¹ The same day, Henry and his wife, conveyed back to George the 47-acre parcel in full.²² This 47-acre parcel comprised two tracts; a 7-acre parcel south of Central Avenue and a 40-acre parcel north of Central Avenue.

George Nelson Hamilton was born about 1913 and resided in the dwelling at 17200 Central Avenue until his death on December 12, 1971, with the Reverend Benjamin Ridgley officiating the funeral.²³ The seven-acre parcel was not surveyed as part of this report. Presumably, the property passed to Henry L. Hamilton, Jr. following the death of his brother.

Henry and Marguerite Hamilton had a foster son, Robert L. Hamilton.²⁴ In 1976, Henry conveyed 38.69-acres to James P. Salmon, who in turn, conveyed the property back to Hamilton the same day.²⁵ Salmon, a retired Court

¹⁹ Henry L. and Marguerite L. Hamilton, George N. Hamilton, Annie Hamilton, and Harry Buck to Maude H. Ogle, Prince George's County Land Records, 608:225.

²⁰ Maude H. and Frank Ogle, and Annie Hamilton to Henry L. Hamilton and George N. Hamilton, Prince George's County Land Records, 608:227.

²¹ George N. Hamilton to Henry L. Hamilton, Prince George's County Land Records, 889:138.

²² Henry L. Hamilton and Marguerite L. Hamilton to George N. Hamilton, Prince George's County Land Records, 889:140.

²³ "Deaths," *The Washington Post, Times Herald (1959-1973)*, December 14, 1971, <http://www.proquest.com/> (accessed June 15, 2011).

²⁴ "Obituary 2 -- No Title," *The Washington Post (1974-Current file)*, May 3, 1988, <http://www.proquest.com/> (accessed June 15, 2011).

²⁵ James P. Salmon to Henry L. Hamilton, Prince George's County Land Records, NLP 4639:804.

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of Special Appeals for the 4th Appellate Circuit Court of Maryland, was a partner at the law firm of Sasscer, Clagett, Channing and Bucher from 1970 until 1988.²⁶ This transaction was presumably a technical matter.

In 2009, Robert L. Hamilton, Sr., acting as personal representative of the estate of Henry L. Hamilton, Jr., deeded the property to himself per the will of his foster parent. Later the same year, Hamilton conveyed the property rights equally between himself, his wife Leona, and daughter Betty Jo Vermillion.²⁷ The Hamiltons are the current owners.

²⁶ Court of Special Appeals, "James Patrick Salmon," Former Judges, <http://www.msa.md.gov/msa/mdmanual/30sp/former/html/msa11745.html> (accessed June 15, 2011).

²⁷ Robert L. Hamilton, Sr. to Robert L. and Leona R. Hamilton, Sr., and Betty Jo Vermillion, Prince George's County Land Records, PM 31266:457.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>38.69</u>		
Acreage of historical setting	<u>47</u>		
Quadrangle name	<u>Bowie</u>	Quadrangle scale:	<u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Arnold-Hamilton Farmstead is located in Bowie, Maryland on a 38.69-acre tract of land. The property, known as Parcel 39, is bounded on the south by Central Avenue. Stands of trees and brush line the western, northern, and eastern boundaries of this property. The property is associated with Parcel 39 as noted on Tax Map 70.

11. Form Prepared by

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CHAIN OF TITLE
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LAND RECORDS

Deed HB 9:243 July 3, 1874	Henry W. Clagett to Margaret Arnold. (105 ½ acres being part of the property called and known as "Poplar Ridge" for \$4740.50)
Deed 147:170 August 5, 1919	Maggie A. and James E. Arnold to James F. Rawlings (105 ½ acres)
Deed 313:491 January 17, 1928	William G. Brooke, Attorney to Robert S. Jameson.
Deed 301:143 January 19, 1928	Robert S. and Helen A. Jameson to Lee Hamilton (105 ½ acres)
Deed 608:225 March 20, 1941	Henry L. and Marguerite L. Hamilton, George N. Hamilton, Annie Hamilton, and Harry Buck to Maude H. Ogle (25 acres)
Deed 608:227 March 20, 1941	Maude H. and Frank Ogle, and Annie Hamilton to Henry L. Hamilton and George N. Hamilton (80.5 acres)
Deed 889:138 November 18, 1946	George N. Hamilton to Henry L. Hamilton, Jr. (½ interest in 40 acres north of Central Avenue and 7 acres south of Central Avenue)
Deed 889:140 November 18, 1946	Henry L. Hamilton, Jr. and Marguerite L. Hamilton to George N. Hamilton. (40 acres north of Central Avenue)
Deed NLP 4639:802 July 13, 1976	Henry L. Hamilton, Jr. to James P. Salmon. (38.69 acres)

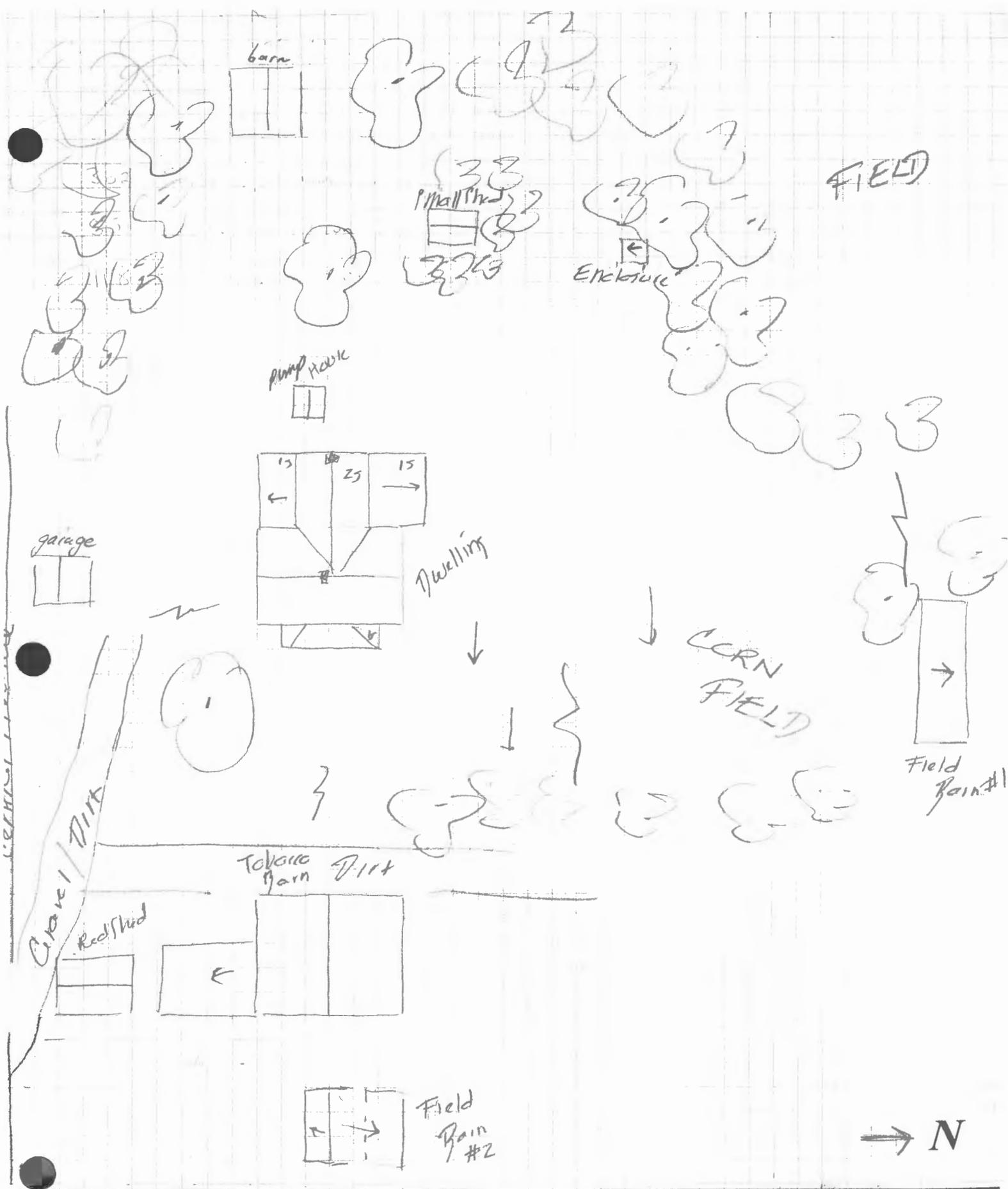
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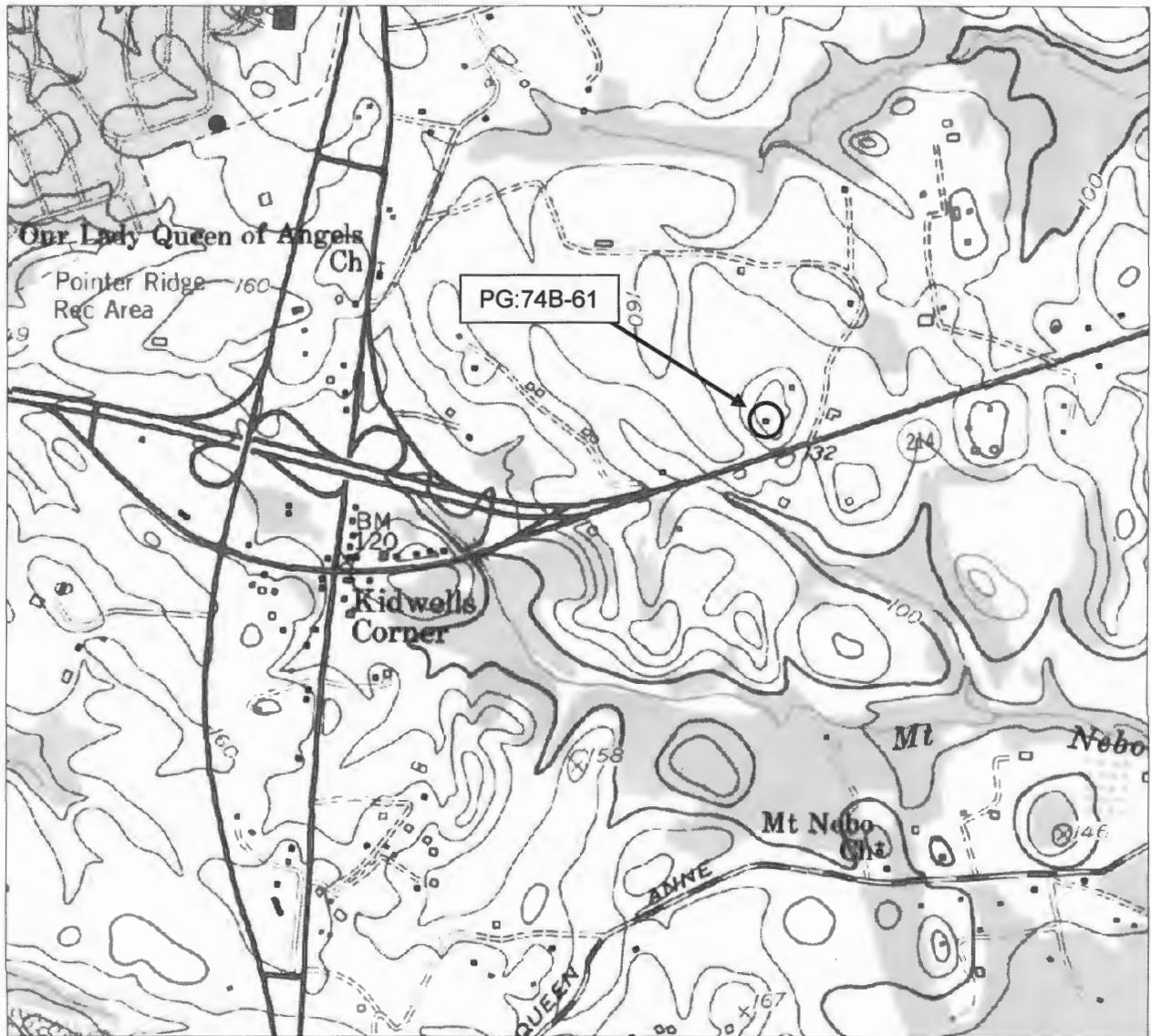
Deed NLP 4639:804 July 13, 1976	James P. Salmon to Henry L. Hamilton, Jr. and Marguerite B. Hamilton. (38.69 acres)
Deed PM 30874:286 July 27, 2009	Robert L. Hamilton, Sr., personal representative of the estate of Henry L. Hamilton, Jr. to Robert L. Hamilton, Sr. (38.69 acres)
Deed PM 31266:457 October 26, 2009	Robert L. Hamilton, Sr. to Robert L. and Leona R. Hamilton, Sr., and Betty Jo Vermillion. (38.69 acres)



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17200 Central Avenue (MD 214), Bowie
Bowie quadrangle 1957, Photorevised 1978



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Dwelling, Facade, View looking NW

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Dwelling, Rear Elevation, View looking SE
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Rear and Pump House, View looking NE

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Garage, View looking SW

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Barn, View looking West

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Small Shed, View looking North

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Enclosure, view looking NW

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Field Barn, #1, View looking East

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Tobacco Barn, View looking East

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Field Barn #2, View looking SE

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